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to the Commission**

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Subject: Male violence against women in football

A group of people attending a football match between Betis and Girona in the Estadio Benito Villamarín on 21 February of this year chanted insults about the former partner of one of the Betis players. These chants are seen as particularly serious since this player has already been reported for physical abuse of his former partner, for which the Public Prosecutor is calling for a two year prison sentence. These events have prompted the Seville Public Prosecutor's Office to decide, of its own motion, to launch an investigation into the matter.

Since one of the core objectives of the EU's Gender Equality Strategy is to clamp down on violence against women at a time when sport is promoting the fight against any discrimination or violent behaviour, the questions are as follows:

Is the Commission aware of these events and, if so, what opinion do they merit?

What kind of action is being taken to eliminate male violence against women in sport?

In view of cases such as the one described, is it considered necessary to implement new strategies to combat the scourge of male violence against women in sport?